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Governor's Watershed Initiative Take Pride in Utah Day

BEAVER HIGH STUDENTS AND DEDICATED HUNTERS PLANT TREES TO PROTECT THE BEAVER WATERSHED

Today, Beaver High School students, volunteers from the Dedicated Hunter Program, and others planted trees in an effort to help improve water quality in Beaver County. The Beaver River Watershed Day Adopt-A-Waterbody project is part of the Beaver River Watershed Committee's commitment to educating the public about the importance of watershed improvement.

"Watersheds are important to all Utahns because they provide the life-giving supply of water that grows our food and provides for our needs," said Utah Governor, Olene S. Walker. "We've set a lofty goal to take care of these vast areas, but together I know we can meet it. Our watersheds are our life sheds."

"This is the seventh year we've worked with the school and other groups to take care of the watershed in April," said Mark Nelson, Utah State University Extension.

"Some years we have planted right along the river. This year we are focusing on stopping erosion from range-land in the watershed," Nelson added.

Nearly 200 volunteers are involved in the project that concludes lunch provided by the Beaver Soil Conservation District.

As part of the watershed initiative, community groups from around the state are working to improve watersheds. The Beaver River is on Gov. Olene Walker's list of 25 watershed areas designated for water quality improvement.

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Utah Commissioner of Agriculture and Food, Cary G. Peterson said Utah is a national leader when it comes to cleaning up streams near agricultural areas. The U.S. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) recognizes Utah's (AFO/CAFO) Animal Feeding Operation program as a "model" for other states.

"Our community groups and soil conservation districts have long organized soil and water protection projects where landowners work together to care for our watersheds. We all live in a watershed...Every acre is a watershed," he added.

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